

**Worship Program for First Church in  
Pembroke**

**Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**PRELUDE:**

**MEDITATION PRAYER**

“I waited patiently for the Lord, then he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also from a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my going. And he put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto God; many shall see it, and fear it, and shall trust in the Lord. Blessed are those that make the Lord their trust, and respects not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.” (Psalm 40:1-4)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Meet & Greet:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

P: Gather in peace my people, you've come from many different places, so take a moment to pause and to reflect on the One whose breath flows in and out of you.

**C: Alive and blessed we are this morning, honored and thankful we are to sit in the presence of the Lord.**

P: Search us dear Lord and know our hearts, try us and know our thoughts.

**C: "May one generation praise thy works to another and declare your mighty acts," but may we all come to acknowledge you the Ancient of Days, as the One who is from everlasting to everlasting!**

P: The Lord takes pleasure in his children and beautifies the meek with salvation.

**C: Let all heaven rejoice with us in proclaiming Jesus as Lord and King over all the earth!**

**ALL: Let the children clap, and let the piano and the sound of the congregation be met with ardent praise in honor of the Most High God! Hallelujah! He is the Great I am! Therefore, "Come Thou Almighty King!"**

**HYMN: #246 (Red Hymnal) "Come Thou Almighty King"**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Holy One,

We sing you a song of victory even if we are not keen on singing high notes, but we will stop at nothing short of praising you! We have read of the angst and pain of this world and the consequences that lurk around the corner when we let our guards down. Like watchmen of the night we stand on guard to honor the stories and teaching of your holy book. Teach us how to be more loving to our neighbors, and to our families and friends. Also teach us how to give in love without expecting anything in return. As we seek your presence in this place, may we always be willing to cling to you the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. May we cling to you for help, because you O God executes justice to the oppressed, embraces the widows and orphans, and You are a lover of all people. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Kings 8:17**

**SERMON: 'A Penny for your thoughts, a Baby for your Kindness' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)**

**HYMN: #353 (Black Hymnal) "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION: (From Red Hymnal: Offertory #47)**

“Freely you have received, freely give, so let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Amen.”

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**CLOSING HYMN: #319 (Black Hymnal) "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"**

**BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**